

REMARKS

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed on November 28, 2007. In that Office Action, under **Election/Restrictions**, restriction to one of the following inventions is required:

- I. Species of figures 1, 2, 8, and 9;
- II. Species of figure 3;
- III. Species of figure 4;
- IV. Species of figures 5 and 6;
- V. Species of figure 7; and
- VI. Species of figures 10A-10D.

In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect, with the traverse, the Species of figures 1, 2, 8, and 9. Applicants have cancelled Claims 8-12, 14 and 16-25 without prejudice to their right to file divisional applications directed to the subject matter of those claims.

Applicants respectfully object to this restriction requirement. Under MPEP §803, two criteria for a proper restriction requirement exist:

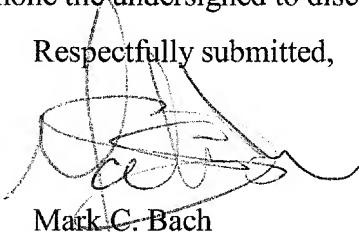
- (A) The inventions must be independent or distinct as claimed; and
- (B) There would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required.

In sustaining the Examiner's burden of establishing a proper restriction requirement, examiners must provide reasons and/or examples to support conclusions. The Examiner may establish a *prima facie* showing of a serious burden under (B) above, by making an appropriate explanation of the separate classification or separate status in the art, or a different field of search as defined in MPEP § 808.02. That *prima facie* showing may be rebutted by appropriate showings or evidence by the applicant.

Importantly, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims are classified in class 604, subclass 103.03. Hence, as all of the identified Species are in the same class and subclass, there is no burden on the Examiner to examine all of the Species A and B together.

No fee is believed due with this Response, however, the U.S. Patent Office is authorized to charge any underpayment of fees or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 18-2000 of which the undersigned is an authorized signatory.

Should the Examiner find any outstanding matters that are resolvable by telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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